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SUBJECT: EC/ASEAN MINISTERIAL ENVISAGED FOR END OF 1978

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1. ACCORDING TO MRS. MANALO, THE GOP IS VERY PLEASED OVER THE
DECEMBER 21 TO 23 VISIT OF EC COMMISSIONER FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS
WILHELM HAERKAMP, AS BOTH SIDES REACHED AGREEMENT ON TWO MAIN
PROPOSALS. FIRST REFERS TO AN EC/ASEAN MINISTERIAL MEETING WITH
A TARGET DATE OF END OF 1978 OR EARLY 1979 IN EUROPE. GOP SIDE
EMPHASIZED THAT MEETING SHOULD GO AHEAD ONLY IF EC AND ASEAN
REACH CONCRETE AGREEMENT ON SELECTED ISSUES. GOP SIDE WAS
PARTICULARLY PLEASED THAT MINISTERIAL WILL BE ON LEVEL OF
FOREIGN MINISTERS.

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2. SECOND AGREEMENT CONCERNS EC DESIRE TO ESTABLISH A
PERMANENT GROUP OF EC REPRESENTATIVES TO ASEAN, BASED IN A STILL
TO BE SELECTED ASEAN CAPITAL. GROUP WILL BE RESPONSIBLE
FOR ASSISTING IN IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS, FACILITATING
UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TWO REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND
CARRYING OUT REPORTING DUTIES. GROUP WILL HAVE NO

NEGOTIATING RESPONSIBILITIES.

3. HAFERKAMP CALLED ON PRESIDENT MARCOS, SECRETARY OF TRADE QUIAZON AND SECRETARY OF INDUSTRY PATERNO. PRESIDENT SOUGHT MORE FAVORABLE EC TREATMENT OF PHILIPPINE TEXTILE AND GARMENT EXPORTS. THIS QUESTION WAS PURSUED FURTHER IN THE DISCUSSIONS WITH QUIAZON.

4. HAFERKAMP CONTINUED TO STRESS, IN THE FACE OF EC ACTIONS TO THE CONTRARY, THAT PROTECTIONISM WAS NOT VERY HEALTHY AND HOPED THAT THE GATT ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS IN JANUARY WOULD BRING MORE CONCRETE RESULTS.

5. PHILIPPINE HOSTS PLAN TO FLY HAFERKAMP AND HIS PARTY FOR AN OVERNIGHT STAY AT ASEAN CCI PRESIDENT FRED ELIZALDE'S GUEST HOUSE IN NEGROS. THEY ARE SCHEDULED TO DEPART MANILA DECEMBER 23.

6. COMMENT. MRS. MANALO BELIEVES THAT EC MINISTERIAL MEETING IS A FIRST EVER AND "GREAT COUP FOR ASEAN". SHE CREDITED THE FRG WITH TAKING THE LEAD FOR THE EC. AGREEMENT ON MINISTERIAL APPEARS TO HAVE TAKEN SOME OF THE STING OUT OF THE EC HARD LINE ON TEXTILES.
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